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TAGS: MASS

SUBJECT: US ARMS SALES POLICY: PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

REF: STATE 115244

1. FOLLOWING IS PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRESIDENT'S DECISION ON NEW US ARMS SALES POLICY AS ISSUED BY WHITE HOUSE. PER CONFIDENTIAL

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B. THEREFORE, SHORTLY AFTER MY INAUGURATION, I DIRECTED A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF US CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFER

POLICY, INCLUDING ALL MILITARY, POLITICAL, AND ECONOMIC FACTORS. AFTER REVIEWING THE RESULTS OF THIS STUDY, AND DISCUSSING THOSE RESULTS WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND FOREIGN LEADERS, I HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL HENCEFORTH VIEW ARMS TRANSFERS AS AN EXCEPTIONAL FOREIGN POLICY IMPLEMENT, TO BE USED ONLY IN INSTANCES WHERE IT CAN BE CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THAT THE TRANSFER CONTRIBUTES TO OUR NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO UTILIZE ARMS TRANSFERS TO PROMOTE OUR SECURITY AND THE SECURITY OF OUR CLOSE FRIENDS. BUT, IN THE FUTURE, THE BURDEN OF PERSUASION WILL BE ON THOSE WHO FAVOR A PARTICULAR ARMS SALE, RATHER THAN THOSE WHO OPPOSE IT.

C. TO IMPLEMENT A POLICY OF ARMS RESTRAINT, I AM ESTABLISHING THE FOLLOWING SET OF CONTROLS, APPLICABLE TO ALL TRANSFERS EXCEPT THOSE TO COUNTRIES WITH WHICH WE HAVE MAJOR DEFENSE TREATIES (NATO, JAPAN, AUSTRALIA, AND CONFIDENTIAL

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- -- THE DOLLAR VOLUME (IN CONSTANT FY 1976 DOLLARS) OF NEW COMMITMENTS UNDER THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR WEAPONS AND WEAPONS-RELATED ITEMS IN FY 1978 WILL BE REDUCED FROM THE FY 1977 TOTAL. TRANSFERS WHICH CAN CLEARLY BE CLASSIFIED AS SERVICES ARE NOT COVERED, NOR ARE COMMERCIAL SALES, WHICH THE US GOVERNMENT MONITORS THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF EXPORT LICENSES. COMMERCIAL SALES ARE ALREADY SIGNIFICANTLY RESTRAINED BY EXISTING LEGISLATION AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH POLICY.
- -- THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT BE THE FIRST SUPPLIER TO INTRODUCE INTO A REGION NEWLY-DEVELOPED, ADVANCED WEAPONS SYSTEMS WHICH WOULD CREATE A NEW OR SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER COMBAT CAPABILITY. ALSO, ANY COMMITMENT FOR SALE OR COPRODUCTION OF SUCH WEAPONS IS PROHIBITED UNTIL THEY ARE OPERATIONALLY DEPLOYED WITH US FORCES, THUS REMOVING THE INCENTIVE TO PROMOTE FOREIGN SALES IN AN EFFORT TO LOWER UNIT COSTS FOR DEFENSE DEPARTMENT PROCUREMENT.
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